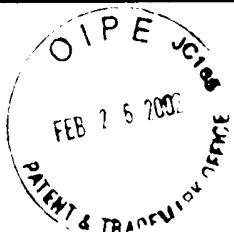


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Group Art Unit 1652

Examiner C. Fronda

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate small-entity fee are as follows
(check time period desired):

One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0892.
I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

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